

*NANA SCHUMACHER, 1817 (GASTROPODA): PROPOSED  
SUPPRESSION UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS Z.N.(S.) 1622*

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The generic name *Nana* was proposed by C. F. Schumacher, 1817 (*Essai nouv. Syst. Habitations Vers test.* : 225), with two sections. The type of the first was cited as *N. maroccana*—the *Buccina maroccana* of Chemnitz, 11, p. 285, pl. 210, figs. 2082–2083. Of Section B the type was *N. neritea* or the *Buccinum neriteum* Linnaeus as figured by Born, 1780; a synonym was cited as “*Fabula nana* Chemn. 5, p. 72, Tab. 166, f. 1062 no. 1–3.”

2. Subsequent authors have pointed out that as proposed this is a composite genus. The type of the first section is a *Melanopsis* (a genus credited to Féruccac, 1807, by authors), in the family Melanopsidae, markedly different from the type of the second section, which represents the family Nassariidae. The latter group has variously been called *Cyclops* Montfort, 1810 (*non Müller, 1776, Crustacea*); *Cyclope* Risso, 1826; *Cyclonassa* Swainson, 1840, and *Neritula* H. and A. Adams, 1853 (ed. Plancus, 1739). The name *Nana* has not been overlooked, for it has been mentioned consistently by authors as a synonym. No one has cited a type for it or has adopted it as a valid name for a taxon. The fact that the type-species is fixed by absolute tautonomy seems not to have been noticed. Although the Chemnitz names are non-binominal (Opinion 184), Schumacher's citation of the binomen *Fabula nana* in the synonymy fixes the type under Article 68d as *Buccinum neriteum* Linnaeus, 1758. This would make *Nana* Schumacher, 1817, take precedence over the currently used *Cyclope* Risso, 1826.

3. The type-species of *Cyclope* Risso seems not to have been correctly cited. It is usually stated to be *Buccinum neriteum* Linnaeus, 1758, a binomen not mentioned by Risso. If *Cyclope* is accepted as an innovation by Risso (who did not credit it to himself but said he had taken the name from a museum label), three nominal species comprise the original list: *C. neritoidea*, *C. donavania* [sic], and *C. pellucida* (A. Risso, *Hist. nat. princip. Prod. Europ. mérid.* 4 : 170, 271–272). The *C. neritoidea* may be recognized, by cited figures, as a junior synonym of *Buccinum neriteum* Linnaeus, 1758 (*Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) 1 : 738), but no one, as far as I can determine, has indicated this, as required under Article 69a (iv) of the Code. Some authors have interpreted Risso usage as not an innovation but an inadvertent error for *Cyclops* Montfort. Were this the case, it would not be available under Article 32c of the Code.

4. In the interests of current usage and nomenclatural stability, the Commission is asked:

- (a) to use its plenary powers to suppress the generic name *Nana* Schumacher, 1817, for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy;
- (b) to place the generic name *Cyclope* Risso, 1826 (gender : feminine), type-species, here designated, *Cyclope neritoidea* Risso, 1826, on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology;
- (c) to place the specific name *neriteum* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the

binomen *Buccinum neriteum*, on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology;

(d) to place the generic name *Nana* Schumacher, 1817 (suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.